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**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 4, 2003 9:28 PM  
**Subject:** Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain  
U.S. Senate  
241 Russell Senate Office Building  
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**From:** John Rook  
**To:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KA  
**KQAWEB SITE**  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 4, 2003 9:34 PM  
**Subject:** Dishonest communications reform

There is much to criticize in the new media ownership rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission this week by a slim 3-2 vote.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing about these sweeping changes is the blatantly disingenuous, if not dishonest, explanations being given by FCC Chairman Michael Powell and his supporters for their actions.

Click here: [Chicago Tribune | Dishonest communications reform](#)

Then go to FCC Clear Channelized at [www.JohnRook.com](http://www.JohnRook.com) to see the humor of it all.

**CC:** Trent Lott, Russell Feingold, John McCain

**From:** rmlewisphd@cox.net  
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**From:** Angela Shelley  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 4, 2003 10:02 PM  
**Subject:** WHAT are you people thinking?

dear commissioners:

you've violated a public trust...period...

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**From:** McBarron Family  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
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**Subject:** corporate monopolies of our air waves

Please stop the impending legislation which allows corporations to monopolize our airwaves! This is not democracy and it is NOT in the interest of the American people!

Claudia McBarron  
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